

Appln No. 10/811,075
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6, 9-11, 37-44, 48-50, 53, and 55 were pending in this application when last examined by the Examiner, of which claims 7, 8, 12-36, 45, 46, 51, 52, 54, 56, and 57 were deemed to contain allowable subject matter. .

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 8, and intervening claim 6. Claims 6 and 8 have been canceled.

Allowable claim 7 has been rewritten in independent format to include the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 6.

Allowable claim 12 has been rewritten in independent format to include the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claims 9-11. Claims 9-11 have been canceled.

Allowable claim 13 has been rewritten in independent format to include the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 2.

Allowable claim 26 has been rewritten in independent format to include the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 6.

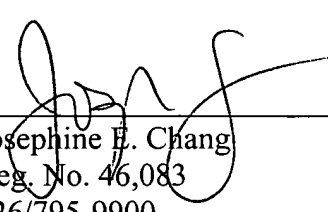
Independent claim 37 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 45. Claim 45 has been canceled.

Allowable claim 46 has been rewritten in independent format to include the limitations of base claim 37.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, and early indication of allowance of the now-pending claims 1-5, 7, 12-44, 46, and 48-57 is respectfully requested.

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